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Honorable Victor Marrero  
United States District Court Judge  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007  
**By ECF**

Re: *United States v. Randy Torres*, et al  
16 Cr. 809 (VM)

Dear Hon. Judge Marrero:

I am requesting that your Honor adjourn the sentencing of Randy Torres, Walston Owen and Charles Ventura, presently scheduled for March 19, 2021 at 2 PM. until the week of May 10, 2021 except for May 13, 2021 when some counsel are not available. This is the second request for an adjournment as a result of the pandemic. This request is made with consent of counsel for all defendants. The government has notified counsel that it consents to this request.

The nature of the convictions require an in court sentencing hearing. Some of the defense attorneys are in the high risk category and are unwilling to appear in court with their incarcerated clients at this time. It is our hope that adequate procedures for such a hearing and vaccination of at risk counsel, will permit the in court hearing by that date.

Thank you for your Honor's consideration.

The request for adjournment is granted. The sentencing of Defendants Torres, Owen, and Ventura, currently scheduled for 3/19/21, is hereby adjourned until 7/30/21 at 12 p.m.

**SO ORDERED.**

2/12/2021

DATE

  
VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J.

Respectfully,

/s/

Sam A. Schmidt  
Andrew M.J. Bernstein